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stellations) don't look like their names at all. For instance, some books show the Twins like this:—

But by using the same store, in the come positions, but drawing the imaginary lines in a new way, the Twins really look like twinst-

In the Dennis story "Star Spangled Dennis", we have used this new methed of seeing the star pictures, from a book, "The Stars: A New Way To See Them", by H. A. Rey, copyright 1982 by H. A. Rey; Houghton Millin Co., Boston.

Now it is really fun to look at the stars, and see all the pictures in them. When you can recognise them so easily, they get to be real friends. Mr. Rey has made things even scater for us by using English mannes for the constellations instead of the original and Greek. Who wants to look at Taurest, or Cymus, or Gemin! But when you know that these are the Boll, and the Swan and the York, it makes more sense.

The Greeks were the first people to try to figure out what is going on in the heavers. Long before the birth of Christ, they discovered that the earth is not a flat disc, like a phonograph record, but a globe. (The cld lides persisted, as you know, until Columbus' time.) Long before Galileo, a Greek taught that the earth and the planets revolved around the sun. And an ancient Greek even calculated the size of the world

Greek even calculated the size of the world globe — and wasn't too far wrong. To get back to the star-pictures, we have shown in the Dennis story just a few of

shown in the Dennis story just a few of them. Did you know that there are 88 constellations in the sky? Some, of course, can be seen only in South America and Australia, but we can see about 60 in our country, of which only about two dozen are visible at any one time.

Two dozen star pictures are not many to

look for. And as you look up at the stars, there really aren't so many visibles with the maked eye. How many void by on guess? A million? A hundred thousan? No, there are only about two thousand we can see without a telescope, and all the constellations may be made out without a telescope. All the star neitures are information.

see. There is Hervales, holding a big club...an Archar...a Wolf...the Serpent Holder, holding a snake in each hand. If you only know the Big Dipper, (which is part of the Big Bear) you are missing a lot.

Did you know that some stars are colored? At first glance, they all look silvery white, but If you look closely at certain ones, you will see that some of them have faint-colors—red, blue, yellow, even green I-

Of course you know that our Sun is a star, but did you know that some stars are bigger than the Sun? The Sun is 865,000 miles across, which is pretty big, but there is a star that is 400 million miles across!

Stars seem small because they are so very far away. The light from the nearcst star takes 4 years to reach us—and light travels 125,000 miles in one second! The light from some of the farther stars may have left the star before Columbus discovered America.

And the light from the really distant stars
left there 800,000 years ago!

As you watch the constellations, they ap-

pear to move across the sky from East to West. That is, if you see a constellation near the East brition at 8 o'clock, at 10 o'clock it will be higher up in the sky. But the costellations do not really do all this moving the earth, we are on is rotating underseath the stars.

The stars do more — thay are rushing

about in all directions at thousands of miles a minute, some going toward each other, some going way. But they are so very far away that we cannot see them changing position, and it will be many thousands of years before there will be any noticeable change in the positions of the stars. In the Brenis shore, the control likeling we

In the Dennis story, the constitutions we holes for story purposes could not all be seen in one night. Some can be seen only in seven in one night. Some can be seen only in Sammer, some in Winter. This is because the carth revolves a round the sun. Each night, as we look at the stars, the earth has moved a bit along its path around the sun, back that the stars are not in quite the same place. They appear to rise, such night, should will be a feet that the same place. They appear to rise, such night, should be displayed to the same place. They appear to rise, such night, should be displayed to the same place. They appear to rise, such night, should be displayed to the same place. They appear to rise, such night, should be a feet to the whole skyl Pare winders, and N. S. M. S.

hours, so in one month, the same stars come up 2 hours earlier. In 6 months (the difference between Summer and Winter) through come up 12 hours earlier—in other works, in duplight, when we can't see them. That is why we can see certain stars at one time of the water set.

the year and not at others.

There are many, many more interesting facts about the stars in Mr. Rey's book and his charts of the heavens, by which you can find the constellations, are excellent.

Go star gazing, and have funt









































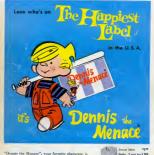








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